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SUBJECT: MOVES TOWARD RESUMPTION OF DIET DELIBERATIONS

SUMMARY: RETURN OF PM TANAKA TO JAPAN FROM US HAS GENERATED SERIES OF INITIAL MOVES BY GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERS AIMED AT RESUMPTION OF DIET PROCEEDINGS HALTED SINCE JULY 24.

1. OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE CONTINUED TO BOYCOTT DIET SESSIONS SINCE JULY 24 WHEN LDP UNILATERALLY PUSHED THROUGH SECOND EXTENSION CARRYING SESSION FORWARD UNTIL SEPT 27. HOWEVER, RETURN OF PM TANAKA AUG 6 FROM SUMMIT TALKS HAS GENERATED FLURRY OF ACTIVITY AIMED AT ENDING TWO-WEEK DEADLOCK.

2. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER ARRIVAL, TANAKA GATHERED TOP PRTY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS DIET NORMALIZATION AND OTHER ISSUES. AT FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE, CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SUSUMU NIKAI DO SAID TANAKA EXPECTED BOTH UPPER AND LOWER HOUSE SPEAKERS TO MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORTS TOWARD NORMALIZATION. NIKAI DO AND TOMISABURO HASHIMOTO, LDP SEC GEN, ALSO REPORTEDLY INTIMATED TANAKA WILLING TO DISCUSS DIET IMPASSE WITH OPPOSITION PARTY HEADS IF THEY SO REQUESTED.

3. EARLIER SAME DAY (AUG 6) SPEAKER MAEO HAD CONVENED INFORMAL MEETING OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STEERING COMMITTEE

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ATTENDED BY BOTH GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION PARTY MEMBERS.

MEETING MADE POSSIBLE WHEN JSP DROPPED PRVIOUS DEMAND THAT MAEO RESIGN (TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR LDP-ENGINEERED DIET EXTENSION) BEFORE IT WOULD CONSIDER STEPS TOWARD NORMALIZATION. FOLLOWING THAT BREAKTHROUGH, CRISSCROSS ROUND OF MEETINGS HAS BNSUED INVOLVING LOWER AND UPPER HOUSE SPEAKERS AND DIET POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OF BOTH LDP AND OPPOSITION PARTIES. TV NEWS SPECULATION AFTERNOON AUG 7 WAS THAT END RESULT WOULD BE RESTORATION ON DIET DELIBERATIONS, BUT THAT PROCESS WOULD QTE TAKE TIME UNQTE.

4. COMMENT: REASONS FOR OPPOSITION WILLINGNESS TO MOVE IN DIRECTION OF DIET NORMALIZATION ARE NOT CLEAR. HOWEVER, ANTICIPATED OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION PM TANAKA ON SUMMIT RANKS HIGH ON LIST OF POSSIBLE MOTIVATIONS. OPPOSITION PARTIES ALSO PROBABLY DESIRE TO EXPLOIT OTHER CURRENT ISSUES (SUCH AS FIXING OF PRODUCER RICE PRICES) IN DIET FORUM. WHATEVER AGREEMENTS ARE REACHED TO PUT DIET BACK ON TRACK, LDP NO DOUBT IS IN FOR MORE DIFFICULT GOING WHEN IT ATTEMPTS TO MOVE KEY BILLS STALLED IN HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS.
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